

purchase of other trees ; and such other trees as well as oaks may be distributed not only to other parks, but to city squares, and in exchange with other public nurseries, and towards planting the grounds of institutions of learning and charity, to any extent that will not impair the primary purpose of said agreement of March, 1870.

And the meeting was adjourned.

Stated Meeting, Dec. 1st, 1876.

Present, 13 members.

Mr. ELI K. PRICE, in the Chair.

Letters of acknowledgment were received from the Societies at Göttingen July 15, (Proc. Vol. XIV) and Emden (94), and the Smithsonian Institution, July 22d (97).

A letter of envoy was received from the Society at Emden.

Donations for the Library were reported from the Academies and Societies at St. Petersburg, Berlin, Moscow, Emden, St. Gallen, Cherbourg, and Rotterdam ; the Revue Politique, and London Nature ; the Royal Astronomical, Geographical and Zoölogical Societies ; the Museums at Cambridge, and Albany ; New York State Library ; Poughkeepsie Society of Natural Science ; Professor E. D. Cope ; and the Brazilian Centennial Commissioners.

On the report of the curator present of an interview with the superintendent of the mint, it was resolved that the report be adopted and the curators be requested to take such further measures as may be necessary for the placing of the Society's collection of coins under the care of the officers of the United States Mint.

Professor Hart read a paper entitled, " The Fairy Folk, or Fairy Lore of Spencer and Shakespeare," giving the romance or latin origin of the words fairy, &c., in contrast with the teutonic origin of the words elf, &c., assigning different characters to this species of imaginary creatures, supporting the distinction by numerous quotations, and the recital

of numerous typical legends. He defended his theory that Shakespeare's fairy lore was taken wholly from the life of the English people and was essentially and wholly Teutonic, while Spencer's fairy characters represented the southern or romantic ideas of the world of enchantment.

The Annual Report of the Treasurer was read.

Pending nominations, Nos. 809 to 812, and new nominations, Nos. 813 to 822, were read.

On motion of Mr. Briggs, it was resolved that the words, "and report to the Society, on the originality of the process of Mr. Wooten, and whether it is deserving of the premium of \$500 offered by the Society (Nov. 16th, 1866,) for the utilization of Anthracite Coal Slack," be added to the resolution passed at the last meeting to give it effect.

And the meeting was adjourned.

Stated Meeting, December 15th, 1876.

Present, 15 members.

Secretary, Professor KENDALL, in the Chair.

Mr. Frank Thompson, a newly elected member, was introduced to the presiding officer, and took his seat.

A photograph of Professor Alfred M. Mayer was received for the album, in a letter dated Stevens Institute, Hoboken, Dec. 11th, 1876.

The resignation of Mr. C. E. Smith was received by letter dated Dec. 9th, 1876, and on motion accepted.

The resignation of Dr. F. G. Smith was received through the Treasurer, and on motion accepted.

Letters acknowledging the reception of publications of the Society were received from Prof. Owen, dated British Museum, Nov. 24th (97); the London Statistical Society, Somerset House Terrace, Kings College Entrance, Strand, W. C., Nov. 28th (97); the Victoria Institute, Adelphi Terrace, Strand, W. C., Nov. 23 (97); and the Society of Antiquaries, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London, W. Nov. 22d, (97).